

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that Claims 1 and 3-5 have been allowed.

With the cancellation of Claims 6-9, without prejudice, as indicated above, all pending claims have been allowed. Accordingly, issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

For all of the above reasons, Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the claimed invention. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that outstanding issues exist, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

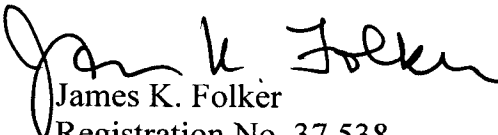
If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely, it is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this Application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069.

Respectfully submitted,

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